

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of March 3rd
through March 6th, 2015

Calling All HOA Members!

Join us for the tenth annual HOA Involvement Workshop on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9 to 11:30 am at City Hall. Information is a key element in effective neighborhood involvement and this workshop is designed to provide representatives of DeSoto's neighborhood and homeowners' associations with the information they need to make their neighborhood a better, safer place to live. Members of all registered DeSoto HOA's are encouraged to attend whether your association is new or well-established. To register or for more information, please call Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689 or contact her by email at thlavinka@desototexas.gov.

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March 8, 2015 3pm

Carelle Flores & Baya Kakouberi in concert at the DeSoto Corner Theatre

Classical soprano, Carelle Flores, is familiar to DeSoto audiences having sung in 2013 a recital of romances and Broadway favorites to a capacity house. She and artistic director, Baya Kakouberi on piano, will offer music of Italy, France and Spain spanning music of the 19th, 20th and the 21st century. Prepare for a breathtaking performance!

Join us at the DeSoto Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road in DeSoto Town Center for this special performance. Tickets are just \$10 and available online at www.artsdesoto.com or at the door.

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Keep Texas *Waterways* Clean

Join our *Waterway* cleanup event:

Keep Texas Waterways Clean

KEEP DESOTO BEAUTIFUL (KDB) invites you to participate in the DESOTO WATERWAY CLEANUP in conjunction with the Keep Texas Waterways Clean program. Join us on March 14, 9 AM TO 12 PM BELTLINE ROAD in front of SPIRIT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH for a fun day of removing LITTER AT THE from the waterways in the DeSoto area. For more information or to sign up, please contact

lutherinesmail-kdb@yahoo.com or view our cleanup information at [Keep Texas Beautiful](#).



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You are Cordially Invited to
DeSoto ISD Education Foundation's
13th Annual Emerald Gala Awards & Auction

Honoring
Distinguished Students
and Exceptional Teachers

Saturday, April 11, 2015
Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville
800 North Main Street
Duncanville, Texas

Mix-Mingle 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Awards, Silent and Live Auction

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Please R.S.V.P to 972-223-6666 Ext. 277

Formal/Black Tie Optional

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"Connecting Neighbors!"

Do you feel connected to the DeSoto Community?

If you'd like to connect with your neighbors and find out what's going on in the community, please take this as a personal invitation to attend our next free DeSoto Dining and Dialogue dinner event on March 28, 2015. Adults who live or work in DeSoto and care about our community are encouraged to attend. Resident high school students and their parents are also welcome to attend. We offer five hours of Community Service Credit for students who attend because their input is vital to the program. As a guest, all you have to do is attend and join in on the discussion. Repeat guests are also welcome. Please register your attendance at www.desotodd.org.

Dinner Discussion Topic:

What makes a great community?

The DeSoto Dining and Dialogue program was instrumental in DeSoto receiving the All-America City Award in 2006 and it sets DeSoto apart from other cities. We invite you to join with your friends and neighbors and share your thoughts on what makes DeSoto an All-America City, what brought you to DeSoto and what keeps you here. For our next dinner event, we are focusing the discussion on the elements that make DeSoto a great community. One such element is the park system. Members of the DeSoto Park Development Board will be on hand to hear your comments about the future of DeSoto's Parks system. Please follow the link below and register to attend this important event!

Saturday, March 28, 2015

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

For more information and to register go to: www.desotodd.org

or call Kathy Jones at

972-230-9648

The deadline to register to attend the free dinner event is March 13th!

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is a volunteer-run organization that provides individuals of all ages, who live or work in DeSoto, the opportunity to get to know one another at private dinner events. These dinners are held twice a year in private homes around DeSoto. The discussion is led by a trained facilitator who guides participants through questions designed to elicit thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community. DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is primarily successful because families are willing to host a dinner for a diverse group of citizens in their homes at their own expense. Facilitators and other volunteers willingly give of their time and expertise because they believe in the program. However, we need continuing community participation to keep the program strong. Join us in building a strong community. Please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone who lives and/or works in DeSoto!

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March Activities @ the DeSoto Public Library

***March 3, 17, 24, & 31 Baby Storytime @ 10:30 am**

*(there will not be a Baby Storytime on March 10th)

***March 4, 18 & 25 PreSchool Storytime @ 10:30 am**

*(there will not be a PreSchool Storytime on March 11th)

**March 2 — 13 "Are You Divergent" activities
for teens 13—18 (times vary)**

3/2 Initiation — Raffle drawing

3/3 Poetry Writing contest

3/4 Short Story challenge

3/5 Public servant appreciation

3/6 "Guess How Many"

3/9 Book Title Scavenger Hunt

3/9 The "Book was Better Book Club" @ 1:00 pm

3/10 "All About The Books"

3/11 INSURGENT PARTY (FUN, GAMES, PRIZES)

@ 12PM LIBRARY ASSEMBLY HALL

3/12 Desoto Nursing Home (Day of service)

3/13 Book Review Challenge

March 10, 11, 12 Spring Break Activities @ 1:00 pm

3/10 Duct Tape Arts 'n' Craft

3/11 Marshmallow Catapults

3/12 Minute To Win It

**March 21 & 26 "Using the Library Website & Catalog"
10:30—Noon**

March 25 "Clearing Your Criminal Record" @ 6:00 pm

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ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
**EASTER
EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

March 28, 2015
Zeiger Park
400 Eagle Drive

Egg Hunt @ 11 a.m.

THIS EVENT IS



Age Group Egg Hunts
3 & Under

4 - 6

7 - 9

Don't forget your Easter
basket!

2015



HAMPTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH



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Presented by Communities for Kidz
(A Texas non-profit organization)



In association with:



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FRIDAY NIGHT!
7-10:30PM

**OPEN TO ALL
KIDS IN GRADE
2ND-7TH**
**ANY SCHOOL
ANY DISTRICT!**

**CELEBRATE
YOUR BIRTHDAY
WITH US!**
CALL FOR DETAILS!

\$10
Admission

MARCH

KIDZ NITE OUT - PARENTS NITE OFF!

✓ **LIVE DJ**
✓ **CONCESSIONS**
✓ **SPORTS & GAMES**
✓ **AND SO MUCH MORE!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

MEET AND GREET

**YOUR
VERY
OWN
DESOTO
EAGLE**



**BRYCE
ENGLISH!**
**\$25 GIVE
AWAY!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

**St. Patty's
Day Party!**

**FIRST 15
WEARING GREEN
GET 4 FREE
CONCESSION TICKETS!**
GREEN GLOW!

**Putt Putt
GOLF!**



FRIDAY, MARCH 20

**MARCH
MADNESS**

**BASKETBALL
OBSTACLE COURSE!**

**HALF COURT
SHOT CHALLENGE!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

INFLATABLE

**OBSTACLE COURSE
JUMBO**

TENNIS



DESOTO RECREATION CENTER

211 EAST PLEASANT RUN RD - DESOTO, TX 75115



**CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE**

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972-784-4060



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Catalog & Website Classes

@ the DeSoto Public Library

Saturday, March 21, 2015

10:30 am—Noon

&

Thursday, March 26, 2015

10:30 am—Noon

Venable Training Room

How to use the library webpage and catalog.

When is the library open? How do I get a library card?

How can I renew materials at 3am? What's going on at the library? How do I find out if the library has the materials I'm looking for? How can I search databases from outside the library?

Find out the answers to these questions and more by attending this session on the library's webpage and catalog.

No registration is necessary. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9661

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"ARE YOU DIVERGENT?"

"INSURGENT ACTIVITY WEEK AND RELEASE PARTY"
"One Choice Will Transform You"




Teens ages 13-18 Join us for two weeks of literacy fun and challenges as we celebrate Spring Break, Teen Tech Week, and the movie release of #1 New York Times bestselling author, Veronica Roth's 2nd installment in the Divergent Trilogy



INSURGENT

3/2 Initiation. Raffle Drawings <i>Check out 5 books*</i> <i>Take receipt to Information desk</i>	3/3 Poetry Day. Poetry Writing Contest <i>Topic: Being Different</i> <i>Submit at Information desk</i>	3/4 Four Day. Short Story Challenge <i>Topic: Young and Brave</i> <i>Submit at Information desk</i>	3/5 Anity Day. Public Servant Appreciation <i>Thank you card for Servicemen</i> <i>12p Teen Room</i>	3/6 Candor Day. "Guess How Many" Beans in the Jar <i>Forms at Information desk</i>
•Teen Tech Activity•				
3/9 Dauntless. Book Title Scavenger Hunt <i>Find books with clues *</i> <i>Forms at Information desk</i>	3/10 Erudite. "All About the Books" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a music video • Create a movie trailer 	3/11 Divergent. Insurgent Party Fun * Games * Prizes <i>12p Library Assembly Hall</i>	3/12 Abnegation. Desoto Nursing Home "A day of Service" <i>12p Teen Room</i>	3/13 Spark Day. Book Review Challenge <i>Review a book outside your genre</i> <i>*Forms at Information desk</i>

For more information call 972-+230-9661 **winners are based on drawings at week's end*

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Free Program

**@ the DeSoto
Public Library**

“Clearing Your Criminal Record”



Where:

DeSoto Public Library

When: Wednesday,

March 25, 2015

Time: 6pm — 7:30pm

Ms. Ify Seales
Dallas attorney

One in four Americans has a criminal record, which can prevent them from leading normal lives. The past doesn't have to haunt the future. This seminar will offer information on the expungement/non-disclosure process, including: eligibility; what records are subject to expungement/non-disclosure; how to file for a petition for expungement/non-disclosure; and what to expect if you represent yourself.

Ms. Seales is a criminal and immigration attorney who has devoted her career to empowering people with the hope and knowledge they need when faced with a daunting legal issue. Ms. Seales received her J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law and has been a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney and a Dallas County Public Defender. Ms. Seales dedicates her spare time helping educate individuals with their legal rights and hosting free legal seminars throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth community.

This program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. For more information contact the Information Desk at 972-230-9661

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Join us for an exciting series celebrating DeSoto's diverse taste in music, alternating each week from classical to jazz. There's something for everyone!

BLUE CANDLELIGHT MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS
**uptown
downtown
desoto**
concert series

Baya Kakouberi

Artina McCain, Piano
Icy Renee Simpson - Soprano

Dave Zoller, Daybreak Express

SUNDAY at 3:00 PM BEGINNING MARCH 1st
DeSoto Corner Theater
211 East Pleasant Run Road., DeSoto
Tickets at ArtsDeSoto.com

Tatiana Mayfield, Jazz Vocalist

The Uptown/Downtown/DeSoto Concert Series in the DeSoto Corner Theatre resumes in March with Classical music on even numbered Sundays and Jazz on odd numbered Sundays at 3pm. Here's the schedule:

March 1	Tatiana Mayfield & Victor Cager - cabaret jazz
March 8	Carelle Flores (soprano)
March 15	Daybreak Express w/ Dave Zoller (Duke Ellington/Billy Strayhorn style band)
April 12	Artina McCane (piano) & Icy Renee Simpson (soprano)
April 19	Andrea Dawson (sophisticated blues)
May 3	Leena Conquest trio (sophiscated jazz and dance)
May 10	Demarre McGill (flute) and Baya Kakouberi (piano)
May 17	Gary Levinson, (classical violin) & Steven Harlos, (piano)
May 24	Stockton Helbing Trio (cool Miles Davis style jazz)

Tickets for all shows are just \$10. Call 972.230.9648 for more information.

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FRI. FEB. 27 @ 7:00 PM

FRED NICKELS AUDITORIUM

600 EAGLE DR., DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL

Rescheduled for April 17, 2015 all tickets
previously sold will be honored on the new date.

photo by Jaime Truman

DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE

TICKETS AT
artsdesoto.com

\$10 pre-sale
\$15 at the door
\$5 Students and Seniors 60+

sponsored by the DeSoto Arts Commission & DeSoto ISD

Bad weather caused the cancelation of our February 27th show but it has been rescheduled to April 17th at 7pm at the Fred Nickels Auditorium at DeSoto High School. If you purchased tickets for the February 27th show, hang on to them and make plans to attend the April 17th show. If you need tickets, they are still available at www.artsdesoto.com or by calling 972-230-9648. Tickets are still \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students or seniors 60+.

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DOG DAYS N DESOTO

May 16, 2015
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fashion Show
Canine Obstacle Course
Photo Contest
\$5 Dog Registration Fee

Zeiger Park
400 Eagle Drive
For more information please call
972.230.9653. Pre-register at the
recreation center.

